

Appl. No. 10/774,316
Atty. Docket No. 2004B009
Reply to Office Action of May 4, 2007

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. This Response replies to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2007.

Claims 1-37 are pending, claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, and 14-17 are rejected, and claim 10 has been objected to.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 13 and 18-37 have been identified as allowable.

Upon entry of the above-described amendments, Applicants will cancel all rejected claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, and 14-17 without prejudice to place the application in condition for allowance. Cancellation of those claims is not an admission of non-patentability. Applicant hereby preserves the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a separate continuing application.

Accordingly, withdrawal of all pending rejections and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Objections

Claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 10 to include all the limitations of its base claim 1, and thus present claim 10 in independent form. Withdrawal of the objection and allowance of claim 10 is respectfully requested.

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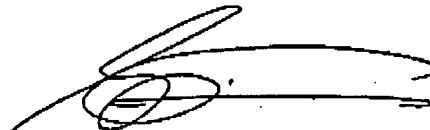
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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing is a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the present claims meet all the requirements for patentability. Accordingly, an early and favorable reconsideration of the rejection, and allowance of pending claims 2, 10, 13 and 18-37 are requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 05-1712, for any fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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